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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES[1]

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

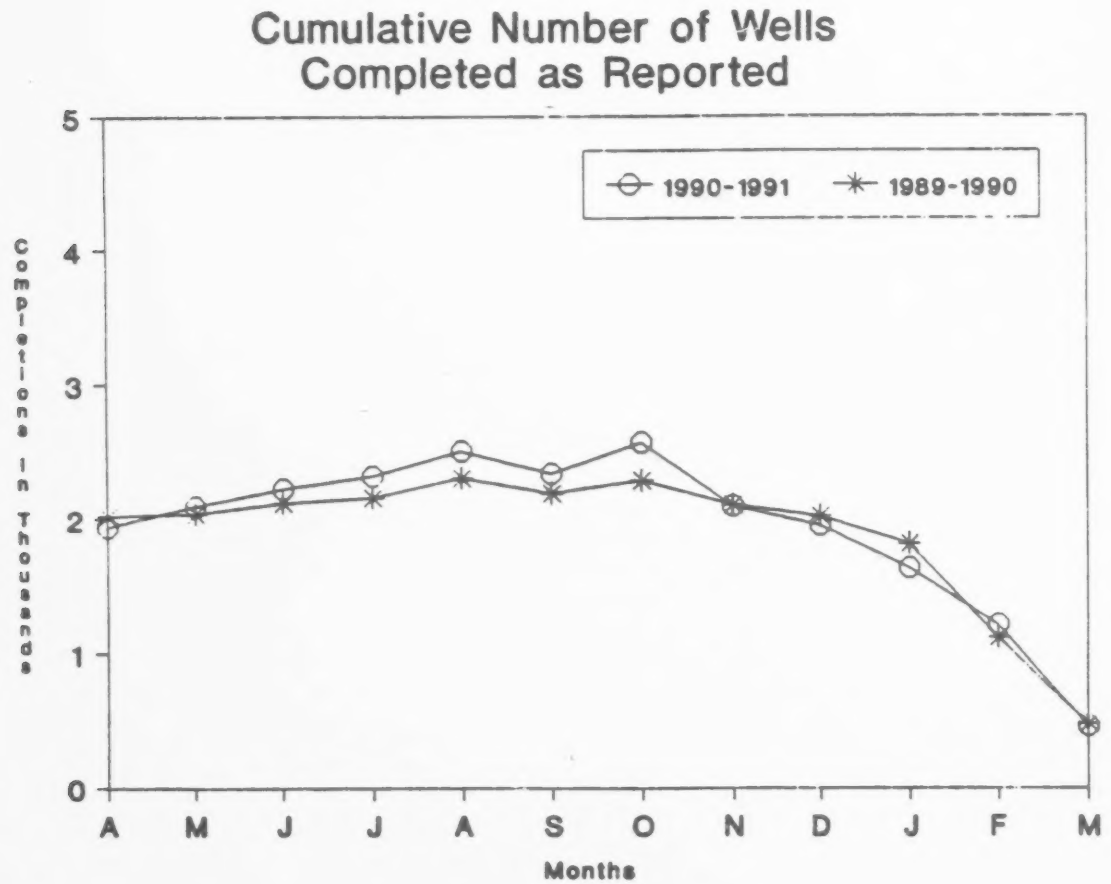

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF MARCH 29, 1991[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1991	1,475	8,331,400	778	4,101,884	1,058	5,925,230	3,311	18,358,514	3,364	18,549,204
1991: MAR	181	1,119,404	58	334,147	229	1,205,881	468	2,659,432	468	2,678,642
FEB	547	3,098,765	279	1,559,160	386	2,112,082	1,212	6,770,007	1,226	6,832,524
JAN	747	4,113,231	443	2,208,577	443	2,607,267	1,633	8,929,075	1,670	9,040,038
TOTAL 1990	10,286	48,356,509	8,761	45,298,299	7,400	39,366,900	26,447	133,021,708	27,019	134,825,182
1990: DEC	740	4,077,197	637	3,306,704	576	3,110,736	1,953	10,494,637	1,994	10,636,375
NOV	812	3,948,899	603	3,127,963	683	3,271,575	2,098	10,348,437	2,139	10,513,536
OCT	985	4,560,441	886	4,313,615	698	3,625,743	2,571	12,499,799	2,602	12,607,981
SEP	902	4,023,720	802	3,985,479	632	3,386,829	2,336	11,396,028	2,370	11,499,897
AUG	981	4,279,255	865	3,990,698	661	3,291,865	2,507	11,561,818	2,550	11,685,024
JUL	858	3,894,862	821	4,026,578	641	3,351,531	2,320	11,272,971	2,366	11,403,939
JUN	825	3,816,238	768	3,702,561	632	3,322,081	2,225	10,840,880	2,288	11,018,034
MAY	809	3,925,850	706	3,645,845	578	3,090,552	2,093	10,662,247	2,150	10,807,962
APR	777	3,650,767	590	3,250,625	573	3,284,542	1,940	10,185,934	1,990	10,325,924
MAR	830	3,942,920	625	3,654,102	541	2,891,618	1,996	10,488,640	2,048	10,662,341
FEB	808	3,893,310	664	3,847,976	502	2,873,041	1,974	10,414,327	2,021	10,583,209
JAN	959	4,543,050	792	4,446,163	683	3,866,787	2,434	12,855,990	2,501	13,080,960
TOTAL 1989	10,045	42,292,162	8,796	45,702,012	8,143	41,704,119	26,984	129,698,293	27,610	131,850,816
1989: DEC	918	3,980,284	791	4,445,530	736	3,986,721	2,445	12,412,535	2,494	12,564,520
NOV	907	3,827,236	804	4,227,136	732	3,810,398	2,443	11,864,770	2,512	12,108,316
OCT	918	3,908,453	837	4,176,809	808	3,987,856	2,564	12,073,118	2,615	12,270,749
SEP	824	3,587,394	809	3,997,838	734	3,776,880	2,367	11,362,112	2,398	11,482,054
AUG	957	3,669,660	832	4,243,217	711	3,635,404	2,500	11,548,281	2,586	11,797,153
JUL	857	3,358,479	761	3,840 488	693	3,446,230	2,311	10,645,197	2,368	10,848,072
JUN	823	3,583,896	710	3,421,747	685	3,442,571	2,218	10,448,214	2,262	10,582,17
MAY	869	3,535,837	614	3,180,623	659	3,184,366	2,142	9,900,826	2,188	10,045,492
APR	878	3,484,315	595	3,200,561	654	3,380,777	2,127	10,065,653	2,170	10,222,725
MAR	687	2,981,802	650	3,489,122	609	3,050,382	1,946	9,521,306	2,002	9,742,100
FEB	585	2,639,436	629	3,487,115	463	2,535,879	1,677	8,662,430	1,709	8,800,509
JAN	821	3,735,370	764	3,991,826	659	3,466,655	2,244	11,193,851	2,306	11,386,955
TOTAL 1988	13,309	57,181,280	8,269	43,901,394	10,003	52,069,345	31,581	153,152,019	32,561	156,126,976
TOTAL 1987	18,223	65,531,900	7,821	41,444,961	11,353	54,472,213	35,397	161,449,074	36,294	164,166,144

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF MARCH 29, 1991[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1991	76	485,801	39	245,930	490	2,947,299	604	3,649,030
1991: MAR	11	58,452	4	16,415	103	599,162	118	674,029
FEB	22	150,988	14	98,225	175	1,016,400	211	1,265,613
JAN	42	246,361	21	131,290	212	1,331,737	275	1,709,388
TOTAL 1990	600	4,052,355	523	3,564,345	3,479	20,143,383	4,602	27,760,083
1990: DEC	42	335,192	35	193,613	284	1,553,053	361	2,081,858
NOV	41	267,950	26	194,877	295	1,607,970	362	2,070,797
OCT	57	323,874	51	331,713	326	1,879,370	434	2,534,957
SEP	49	316,856	35	256,365	294	1,668,166	378	2,241,387
AUG	71	450,601	55	359,043	286	1,613,329	412	2,422,973
JUL	52	388,376	51	342,588	317	1,744,475	420	2,455,439
JUN	55	403,895	44	309,020	301	1,698,250	400	2,411,165
MAY	42	270,159	40	299,834	254	1,541,186	336	2,111,179
APR	57	384,317	50	334,310	279	1,762,835	386	2,481,462
MAR	49	353,443	44	313,761	253	1,460,810	346	2,128,014
FEB	36	239,534	42	302,316	234	1,483,894	312	2,025,744
JAN	49	338,158	50	326,905	356	2,130,045	455	2,795,108
TOTAL 1989	597	3,542,607	668	4,287,486	3,930	21,560,899	5,195	29,390,992
1989: DEC	48	304,600	60	371,693	376	2,048,515	484	2,724,808
NOV	49	287,229	59	344,344	371	2,130,654	479	2,762,227
OCT	37	214,835	52	306,243	394	2,148,278	483	2,669,356
SEP	70	399,860	56	314,837	351	1,962,667	477	2,677,364
AUG	56	285,285	60	432,135	323	1,862,387	439	2,579,807
JUL	50	301,847	51	356,373	321	1,871,477	422	2,529,697
JUN	44	250,093	59	366,785	322	1,652,787	425	2,269,665
MAY	40	266,642	48	323,046	318	1,626,409	406	2,216,097
APR	63	370,697	52	306,234	287	1,553,042	402	2,229,973
MAR	51	342,532	51	341,402	298	1,520,507	400	2,204,441
FEB	43	258,756	53	370,830	238	1,379,598	334	2,009,184
JAN	48	260,231	67	453,564	331	1,804,578	444	2,518,373
TOTAL 1988	810	4,918,346	694	4,690,370	4,746	28,884,897	6,250	36,493,613
TOTAL 1987	896	5,304,209	696	4,599,638	5,204	27,293,011	6,796	37,196,858

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING MARCH 1991

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1991	884	5,022,423	506	2,687,167	526	2,905,027	1,916	10,614,617	1,951	10,743,852
1991: MAR	181	1,119,404	56	334,147	229	1,205,881	466	2,659,432	468	2,678,642
FEB	448	2,557,334	255	1,428,397	212	1,178,596	915	5,164,327	927	5,222,810
JAN	255	1,345,685	195	924,623	85	520,550	535	2,790,858	556	2,844,400
TOTAL 1990	375	1,812,892	366	1,680,713	164	856,836	905	4,350,441	958	4,495,553
1990: DEC	140	823,232	120	551,225	54	266,832	314	1,641,289	341	1,734,463
NOV	114	423,630	78	344,506	36	164,755	226	932,891	239	960,564
OCT	45	203,295	49	263,973	19	100,505	113	567,773	119	581,665
SEP	20	108,158	28	120,240	16	103,099	64	331,497	64	331,497
AUG	19	103,443	31	131,364	6	14,353	56	249,160	57	249,842
JUL	9	29,131	17	75,579	5	39,524	31	144,234	33	150,541
JUN	10	41,537	15	63,158	10	70,440	35	175,135	35	175,135
MAY	5	33,408	10	33,358	7	35,002	22	101,768	22	101,768
APR	5	6,339	5	15,541	2	14,150	12	36,030	15	38,064
MAR	3	22,940	6	24,942	4	14,914	13	62,796	13	62,796
FEB	1	5,100	1	1,082	1	8,451	3	14,613	3	14,613
JAN	4	12,679	8	55,765	4	24,811	16	93,255	17	94,605
TOTAL 1989	17	58,430	15	92,527	16	79,208	48	230,165	57	248,199
1989: DEC	4	14,725	2	17,347	0	0	6	32,072	6	32,072
NOV	1	663	4	25,745	3	14,038	8	40,446	8	40,446
OCT	3	8,007	2	15,782	3	14,592	8	38,381	8	38,381
SEP	4	14,273	0	0	5	11,902	9	26,175	9	26,175
AUG	2	7,518	1	10,312	1	13,800	4	31,630	5	43,150
JUL	0	0	2	7,371	1	8,005	3	13,376	6	16,143
JUN	1	3,566	1	5,258	0	0	2	8,824	6	11,688
MAY	0	0	1	1,308	0	0	1	1,308	2	2,191
APR	0	0	0	0	2	16,111	2	16,111	2	16,111
MAR	1	211	1	1,660	1	2,760	3	4,631	3	4,631
FEB	1	9,467	0	0	0	0	1	9,467	1	9,467
JAN	0	0	1	7,744	0	0	1	7,744	1	7,744
TOTAL 1988	8	15,226	5	27,924	8	34,316	21	77,466	46	103,228
YRS PRIOR TO 1988	20	46,638	3	17,840	13	47,607	36	112,085	39	115,306
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	1,304	6,955,609	895	4,506,171	727	3,922,994	2,926	15,384,774	3,051	15,706,138

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TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of March 29, 1991. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period February 23, 1991 through March 29, 1991. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.